

Glenda Wiles

From: Mark Behan [mbehan@bigsky.net]
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Subject: Bitterroot travel plan

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Although I am 77 years old I still am fortunate to be able to hike in many of the IRAs and WSAs being considered in the new travel plan, and I know by hiking the damage that has been caused to some of these areas by off-road vehicles. But there may well come a day that I may not be able to hike beyond the trailhead. What a relief and gift it would be to know these areas have been preserved for my sons, grandsons, and their offspring - likely even more precious, scarce, and needed than they are even today.

I hope you will incorporate the Sapphire WSA, the Alan Mountain, Sleeping Child, Stony Mountain and Selway-Bitterroot roadless areas and the Blue Joint WSA as quiet, roadless areas into your preferred alternatives. They are magnificent areas and very worthy of protection.

Sincerely,
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